

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network, comprising:
 - sending a license request from a client to a server;
 - sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and
 - receiving license data at said client from said server;
 - wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network,
 - said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client,
 - said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and
 - said license data is bound to said hub network.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data at said client;
 - wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client,
 - said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - updating a sub-copy license for a sub-copy version stored on said client;
 - wherein said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy version, and

updating license data for said sub-copy version includes updating said sub-copy license according to said received license data.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;

wherein said client has a secure client clock,

when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and

said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,

wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said client.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;

wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received license data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub network from said hub network.

15. (Original) A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;
sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and
sending license data from said server to said client;
wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network,
said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and
said license data is bound to said hub network.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before sending said license data to said client;
wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client,
said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:

said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid,

and

when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is connected to said server.

22. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

23. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,

wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of security data stored on said client.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;

wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored on said client.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

sending a security update from said server to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:

wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said revocation list;

wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

- sending a refresh request from a client to a server;
- sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;
- receiving updated license data at said client from said server; and
- updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license data;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network,
said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client,
said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data,
said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy version, and
said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network.

31. (Original) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

- receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;
- sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and
- sending updated license data from said server to said client;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network,
said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client,
said updated license data is for updating a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy
version, and
said sub-copy license is bound to said hub network.